

2013 Intergenerational Symposium Workshops

Workshop Title: “Connecting the Digital Divide”

Workshop Presenter: Emilio De Torre, Youth and Programs Director, ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)

Workshop Description: An interactive session focused on helping youth and older adults understand how each group communicates, and why it is important to understand and respect the ways in which different generations communicate. The session will address old and new technologies and explore ways in which new technology can be maximized to connect youth and older adults.

Workshop Title: “Creating Art Together”

Workshop Presenter: TBD

Workshop Description: A hands-on interactive session in which participants will utilize an art form to help understand and appreciate each other, communicate and connect generations, and celebrate each other’s creative energy.

Workshop Title: “Putting Dreams Into Action”

Workshop Presenters: Stephanie Stein, Director, Milwaukee County Department on Aging; Sherrie Tussler, Executive Director, Hunger Task Force; and Charlie Dee, Activist and retired MATC Instructor

Workshop Description: This session will teach participants how to channel their dreams into action to effect social change. Participants will learn how experienced advocates have channeled their passion for change into positive outcomes for older adults and youth.

Workshop Title: “Won’t You Be My Neighbor”

Workshop Presenters: William Singleton, Police Officer, Milwaukee Police Department; Cullin Weiskopf, Police Officer, Milwaukee Police Department; Tom Kenney, Certified Mobility Manager, Milwaukee County Transit System; Darlene Hall, Certified Mobility Manager, Milwaukee County Transit System; Venice Williams, Director, Alice’s Garden

Workshop Description: This session will focus on how various community-based programs in Milwaukee are creating a positive, intergenerational environment for youth and older adults. Participants will learn how these programs have fostered neighborhood pride and connected people to sustain livable neighborhoods.

Workshop Title: “Do You Ever Grow Up? Playing Nice”

Workshop Presenter: Olusegun Sijuwade, Founder and Director, Peacelab International; Tina Owen, Lead Teacher, The Alliance School of Milwaukee

Workshop Description: This interactive workshop will teach people about the dynamics involved in cliques and bullying and how this behavior negatively impacts youth and older adults. Participants will also learn strategies and techniques to counteract these behaviors and build healthier relationships among youth and older adults.

Workshop Title: “What It Means to be You and Me – Appropriately”

Workshop Presenters: Paul Dedinsky, Assistant District Attorney, Milwaukee County; Ann Bria, Program Coordinator II, Medical College of Wisconsin

Workshop Description: This interactive workshop will explore different variables and influences that shape the behavior of older adults and youth. Participants will learn techniques and approaches to resolve generational conflict and build positive, long-lasting relationships between youth and older adults.